



**Public Safety Committee
September 2, 2014
MINUTES**

Present: Aldermen Leszczynski and Pukaite; Police Chief Graff, Fire Chief Bialk, Finance Director Watson, Executive Assistant Prosser, press and interested public

Absent: Alderman Adams

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1) Approve meeting minutes of July 22, 2014 meeting

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the meeting minutes of July 22, 2014. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

2) Traffic Signs on River Trail at Mequon Road

Residents of River Trail had been expressing renewed concerns regarding traffic and the traffic signs which prohibit northbound traffic on River Trail that drivers must turn right or left on Mequon Road preventing them from traveling straight across onto Eastgate Drive.

The Public Safety Committee failed to reach a quorum on May 27, 2014 when this item was originally scheduled for discussion before them; however, residents in attendance were able to voice their concerns to staff and committee members present. Because the Homeowners Association had not been involved with these recently expressed concerns, it was recommended that the residents present take this before their Association to get their perspective.

Chief Graff reported that a DOT traffic study revealed 6 cars coming through off River Trail during the prohibitive time on the day of the study with the DOT traffic engineer suggesting the signs were unnecessary. Chief Graff additionally reported the signs were very hard to enforce, with enforcement causing more problems, accidents were minimal, mostly rear end accidents related to when school lets out, and that the legality of the current signs has always been in question.

River Trail resident Christopher Barnard via email reported that the Homeowners Association voted to keep the signs in place, however, another River Trail resident reported via a telephone call to the police chief that the vote to retain the signs was more of a non-concerning issue and vote.

River Trail resident Erick Irish (5226 W. River Trail) advised Committee members that he would like the signs to remain, is less concerned with whether or not they are enforced, suggesting that just the presence of the sign helps. River Trail resident Mark Metzendorf (5214 W. River Trail) stated he would like the signs removed, that it would be safest to allow cars to cross the intersection and that we ought not suggest signs or laws may be disobeyed.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve staff's recommendation to take the signs down. The motion passed by voice acclamation

3) Juvenile Lockup Inspection Report

Chief Graff reported that the Police Department's secure holding area for juveniles is inspected annually and the resulting report indicating all standards were met is provided via this agenda packet as per the desire of the Public Safety Committee.

4) RESOLUTION 3245 – Approving Purchase of Fire Department Apparatus

Chief Bialk advised the committee of the need to replace a 26 year old fire truck. Finance Director Watson recommended a five year capital lease to purchase financing (rate of 2.57%) as preferable so as not to deplete the fund and preserve purchasing power in the event another vehicle needs replacement sooner rather than later.

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski, seconded by Alderman Pukaite to approve the lease to purchase financing. The motion passed by voice acclamation

5) Adjourn

Moved by Alderman Leszczynski seconded by Alderman Pukaite to adjourn at 7:20 pm. The motion passed by voice acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Kowalchuk
Executive Assistant
Minutes approved 09/09/14